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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

The Applicant has carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Final Action electronically sent August 23, 2007. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.